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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE PINANDAGATAN FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY NEW  
TUBIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBAGAT, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR,  
AN ECOTOURISM SITE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The Pinandagatan Falls located in Barangay New Tubigon, Municipality  
2 of Sibagat, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto,  
3 its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),  
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

1           **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
2 of Sibagat shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural  
3 Resources and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that  
4 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure  
5 and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure  
6 the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided*,  
7 *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the  
8 budget of the municipal government of Sibagat.

9           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Sibagat in the  
10 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
11 capacity building. It shall also include the Pinandagatan Falls in its national and regional  
12 promotion programs.

13           **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
14 budget of the municipal government of Sibagat. The DOT may augment such allocation with  
15 internally-generated funds.

16           **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
17 government of Sibagat shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the  
18 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

19           **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the  
20 other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

21           **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances  
22 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
23 accordingly.

24           **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
25 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,